

# 2015 Bar Leaders Innovation Awards

The New York State Conference of Bar Leaders is pleased to present the 2015 Bar Leaders Innovation Awards for city, county, ethnic, minority, special purpose and specialty bar associations in New York State, as well as the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

These awards recognize how bar associations adapt to the needs of their members and the community at large by introducing new programs, ideas and methodologies that benefit everyone involved. Every bar association is encouraged to participate. Every new idea put into effect, no matter how small it may seem, is welcome for consideration.

The awards program also provides information to bar leaders concerning new activities and projects that promote the public good, public understanding of the law or the professional responsibilities of attorneys.

The 2015 awards will be presented at the Annual Breakfast for Bar Leaders held at the Hilton New York on Friday, January 29, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

## Eligibility

Projects and programs designed and significantly implemented between **October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015** are eligible for consideration. **Projects that were in place prior to October 1, 2014 are also welcome for consideration if innovations were made to the existing project that enhanced its scope and impact.** Nominated programs should:

- Involve or affect most of the members of the sponsoring association (or)
- Make a significant contribution to the bar and the public.

### Examples

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| • Innovative Law Day Programs | • Youth and Adult Law-related |
| • Pro Bono Projects           | Education Projects            |
| • Public Service Programs     | • New Member Services         |

## Criteria for Evaluation

The criteria for evaluation of the nominations are:

- Effect of the project on the bar and/or the public
- Ingenuity and creativity in planning the project
- Overall quality of the project

## Nomination Requirements

- Completed nomination form
- Designate appropriate category:
  - Smaller Bar associations – fewer than 500 members)
  - Medium Bar associations – 500 – 1,999 members
  - Larger Bar associations – 2,000 members or more
- Only one entry per association

# Bar Leaders Innovation Awards Nomination Form

Nominations may be sent:

▪ As a PDF via e-mail ([bdonlon@nysba.org](mailto:bdonlon@nysba.org))

*or*

▪ FAXED to 518.487.5531  
Attn: Bridget Donlon

**Nominations Must Be Received No Later Than November 20, 2015**

Please indicate association category:

☐ Smaller Bar Associations (*fewer than 500 members*)

☐ Medium Bar Associations (*500 – 1,999 members*)

☐ Larger Bar Associations (*2,000 members or more*)

**Association Nominated** \_\_\_\_\_

President \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by** \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## **Project Summary**

*(This should include primary audience, e.g. members, senior citizens, community at-large – and type of project, e.g. public service, pro bono, Law Day, law-related education.)*

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*Please attach narrative describing project in detail.*